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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF UN PRESS RELEASE ON UN COMMISSIONER FOR  
NAMIBIA MACBRIDE'S STATEMENT 4 JUNE CONCERNING NAMIBIAN  
PASS LAWS:

"SOUTH AFRICA'S CLAIM TO HAVE REPEALED NAMIBIAN PASS LAWS  
IS COMPLETELY MISLEADING--IT IS A MERE PRETENCE",  
SEAN MACBRIDE, UNITED NATIONS COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA,  
STATED TODAY.

IN FACT, ONLY ONE LAW, AFFECTING CERTAIN TRIBES, WAS REPEALED,  
ACCORDING TO INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN THE COMMISSIONER'S  
OFFICE. NUMEROUS OTHER LAWS--AFFECTING THOSE SAME TRIBES,  
AS WELL AS ALL OTHERS IN THE TERRITORY--REMAIN ON THE BOOKS.

"PASS LAWS" INCLUDE ALL MEASURES WHICH REQUIRE BLACKS--  
BUT NOT WHITES--TO CARRY IDENTITY DOCUMENTS, PERMITS, OR  
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RECIEPTS WITH THEM. ANY POLICE OFFICER OR OTHER AUTHORITY

MAY DEMAND THAT A PASS BE PRODUCED AT ANY TIME; FAILURE TO DO SO IS PUNISHED BY FINE OR IMPRISONMENT.

PASS LAWS WHICH STILL REMAIN IN EFFECT INCLUDE:

--THE NATIVE ADMINISTRATION PROCLAMATION, NO. 11 OF 1922, WHICH REQUIRES EVERY AFRICAN, EXCEPT A FEW DIGNITARIES, TO CARRY A PASS WHEN AWAY FROM HIS LOCATION, FARM, OR PLACE OF RESIDENCE (THE DIGNITARIES MUST CARRY A CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION).

--THE URBAN AREAS PROCLAMATION, NO. 56 OF 1951, WHICH REQUIRES EVERY AFRICAN IN URBAN AREAS TO CARRY A PERMIT TO BE THERE--OR PROOF THAT HE IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENT.

--THE EMPLOYMENT BUREAU REGULATIONS OF 1972, WHICH REQUIRE EVERY EMPLOYABLE AFRICAN IN THE POLICE ZONE TO HAVE OR SEEK EMPLOYMENT OR BE REMOVED AND EVERY EMPLOYED AFRICAN TO CARRY HIS EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION AS A PASS.

IN ADDITION, NUMEROUS MUNICIPAL BY-LAWS REQUIRE AFRICANS TO CARRY CURFEW PASSES, TAX AND RENT RECEIPTS, OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES, ETC; A PENALTY IS LEVIED FOR FAILURE TO PRODUCE ANY OF THESE ON DEMAND. AND SOME OF THE HOMELANDS HAVE ENACTED SIMILAR MEASURES APPLICABLE TO AFRICANS IN OR OF THE AREAS CONCERNED.

THE NAMIBIAN PRESS ALSO REPORTS THAT MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS ARE NOT STRICTLY ENFORCING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF ONE UNREPEALED PASS LAW. HOWEVER, MR. MACBRIDE POINTED OUT, THAT SUCH PROVISIONS CAN BE ENFORCED AGAIN WHENEVER LOCAL AUTHORITIES OR THEIR SUPERIORS SO DECIDE. PERSONS WITH LONG MEMORIES WILL RECALL THE EVENTS THAT FOLLOWED THE SHARPEVILLE MASSACRE IN 1960. THE SOUTH AFRICAN PASS LAWS WERE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED AT THAT TIME; BUT AS SOON AS THE GOVERNMENT REGAINED FIRM CONTROL, IT REACTIVATED THE LAWS AND TIGHTENED THEM FURTHER. END TEXT.  
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